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FOREWARD

Miquel de Cervantes said of historians that, "He who errs in so considerable a passage may well be suspected to have committed gross errors through the whole history."

To avoid errors in this work has been one of the major objectives. All available evidence has been carefully checked for accuracy, but unfortunately records of the early years are very sparse and I have had to rely on the memory of the Charter members for information covering this period. However, their attested statements conformed, especially on important events, so I trust my recordings are correct and will meet with the approval of the Chapter members.

At first the task of writing this history seemed an overwhelming one for a comparatively new member and I accepted the responsibility very reluctantly, but the members manifested such great interest and enthusiasm in obtaining a history of their Chapter and responded so generously to my pleas for assistance that the task has become a most enjoyable experience. To each one goes my sincere appreciation for her encouragement and support.

I wish also to express my gratitude to our Regent, Maribel Bartee Adams, for assigning me this work. Through it I have gained knowledge of the work of the Society that I could not have obtained in any other way.

I wish especially to thank my committee, Carrie Walton Adams, Annie Weakley Allen and Sadie Gillespy Roberts, who contributed so many important, intricate details. They responded cheerfully and generously to every request made of them, and there were many, some involving a great deal of time and research.

I am also greatly indebted to Henrietta Gibson Lanier for furnishing items of interest covering the years of depression 1932-40; to Miss Hattie Montgomery for old records and a history of the Founding of the National Society; to Mrs. J. C. Bonner, member of General Sumpter Chapter, who assisted in obtaining names of the Organizing Members; and to Mrs. Samuel Earle of Old Elyton Chapter, for the biography of Mrs. Wm. G. Montgomery included in this history.

In my research, interesting information came to light which, while too remotely related to the Chapter to be rightfully included in its history, seemed of sufficient interest to the Daughters to warrant being made generally accessible so I have taken the liberty of including them in the Preface. The first is a brief history of the Founding of the National Society which I hope every member will read.

Our Regent, Mrs. Adams, maintains the importance of this copy of our Chapter history being preserved and added to each year, and has requested that a paragraph emphasizing the value of such work be incorporated in the Foreward.

In view of the fact that this book is the most complete record of our Chapter activities for the twenty-seven years in existence; and that this record was obtained through months of tedious research, not only by me but also by many of the charter members; and since some of it is attested statements given from memory and could not again be secured after the passing of our eldest members, it seems imperative that the Chapter continue the office of Historian and designate to her the responsibility of preserving this copy and in addition, record annually the accomplishments and interesting items pertaining to the Chapter.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of May 1952.

Ada M. MacFetridge

PREFACE

EARLY HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The original history, including as it does many copies of letters and signed documents, is too long to be reproduced in full. Only the main facts plus a few interesting details of the earliest meetings are given.

In view of the fact that the only authorized history of the founding of the Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, contained in the first Smithsonian Report 1890-1897, is unavailable for general distribution and, therefore, unknown to the great majority of chapters, the Board of Management adopted a resolution at their meeting in November 1908, authorizing the President General to appoint a committee of three to prepare from the highest available sources, an authentic history to be printed and distributed to every national officer, state regent and chapter regent of the Society.

The committee appointed by the President General was composed of the Registrar General, the Assistant Historian General and the Librarian General. As this committee had access to the first manuscripts, records, original letters and other documents, the attested statement of the three women who were officially recognized as Founders by the Continental Congress of 1899; and the first Smithsonian Report which contains the attested statement of members of the first National Board, they submitted that no higher or earlier authorities than these were possible. Their account was accepted by the National Board of Management.

HISTORY

The "Cincinnati" was the first patriotic society in the country following the Revolution. Then came the Sons of the American Revolution, organized in California October 22, 1875, and composed of men and women, the latter called Daughters of the American Revolution.

On April 30, 1890, at a general meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution in Louisville, Ky., after general discussion a vote was cast excluding women. This was telegraphed to various papers throughout the country and aroused indignation of American women. Among these was Miss Eugenia Washington, a great-grandniece of George Washington who, on the evening of the next day, May 1st, called upon Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, and proposed that they organize a society for women. Mrs. Darling heartily approved but thought action should be deferred until September as many supposed to be eligible for membership were out of town.

On July 13th, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., a member of the Press Association, roused by the action of the Sons at Louisville, published in the Washington Post a reproduction of the history of Hannah Arnett, the Revolutionary heroine, and asked, "Where will the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution place Hannah Arnett?"

Mr. Wm. O. McDowell, a great-great grandson of Hannah Arnett, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, read the history and on the 21st published in the same paper an article offering to assist in forming a society and concluding with a formal call for the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This was the first public proposal of this kind.

This call was answered by Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Hannah McLaren Wolff, Mrs. Louise K. Brown and Mrs. Mary Morris Hallowell, all of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Roger H. Pryor of New York. (five of these letters are appended in the history.) Miss Desha, being a descendent, paternally and maternally, of top-ranking Revolutionary officers, wrote an exceptionally spirited response offering to assist in the organization.

Mr. McDowell replied promptly suggesting that a meeting be called at once for organization and that arrangements be made for a mass meeting

on October 11th, the anniversary of the Discovery of America. Miss Desha called a meeting at the home of Mrs. Louise K. Brown in the last week of July. Five were present - Miss Washington, Miss Desha, Mrs. Wolff, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth. After an informal conference it was decided to defer action until autumn, and Mr. McDowell was so informed. He wrote again, insisting that they delay no longer and enclosed a proposed constitution, largely a copy of the Sons' organization, and application blanks for membership. Upon receipt of this letter another meeting was called at the Langham, in the apartment of Mrs. Walworth, August 9, 1890, and here the actual organization took place. Invitations had been sent to all known to be interested, but only Miss Washington, Miss Desha and Mrs. Walworth were present. Nevertheless, organization was effected. The first step taken was to declare the Society a national one.

The constitution sent by Mr. McDowell was thoroughly reconstructed, then adopted. A Board of Management was appointed as follows: Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth, Mrs. Mary Orr Earle, Mrs. Hannah McLaren Wolff, Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, Mrs. Louise K. Brown, Miss Sophonisba P. Breckenridge and Miss Virginia Grigsby. Miss Desha was chosen chairman; Mrs. Walworth secretary, and Miss Washington registrar. It was decided to procure, if possible, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison for president. Mrs. Harrison replied early in September, accepting the office. Mrs. Levi P. Morton, wife of the Vice-President, was asked to accept the office of Treasurer, but declined.

Miss Desha, Miss Washington and Mrs. Walworth began active work immediately. Letters were written to representative women in all sections of the country, inviting them to become members. A notice was published in the Washington Post August 18, 1890, stating the purposes of the Society and the eligibility clause, and requesting women of Revolutionary descent to send their names to the Registrar, Miss Washington. During the months of August and September Professor Goode and Mr. A. Howard Clarke of the Smithsonian Institute, aided the work, giving suggestions whenever their advice was sought. The constitution as adopted August 9th, was sent to Mrs. Darling and other members of the Board for any desired suggestion. In a letter dated September 12th, Mrs. Darling wrote Miss Washington, "The constitution meets my approval in every particular." The same day she wrote Mr. McDowell as follows: "I have this moment finished revising the constitution of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and find it desirable in every particular." Her inconsistency was revealed again when she wrote a letter to Miss Desha dated October 7th, Strathmore Arms, Washington D. C., stating that Mr. McDowell would be with

her at the above address on the 11th of October to organize the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, thus ignoring the organization of August 9th and the plans that had been made by the duly recognized officers for the mass meeting October 11th at Arlington Hotel. In view of the fact that Mrs. Darling had already consented to be a member of the Board of Management already organized, her offer to organize a second time seemed strange. Feeling it important that there should be harmony of action, the officers who had been working during August and September agreed that Mrs. Darling should be informed that the Society was organized August 9th and at that time plans were made for a general meeting October 11th and that the officers already appointed on the Board of Management must be recognized. Mrs. Darling acquiesced. The meeting was held as proposed. Eighteen women signed the formal draft of organization.

Because the meeting of October 11th was so much larger it overshadowed that of August 9th and the habit soon formed of referring to October 11th as the date of the organization and is generally accepted today by all who do not know the true history. At this second meeting October 11th, the organization was carried on, not begun. The organization formed on August 9th could hardly be annulled as the wife of the President of the United States had already consented to take the office of President of the Society, and nine women had accepted positions on the Board of Management. October 11th was chosen as the day on which to celebrate, not effect, organization of the Society because it was the date of Columbus's discovery of America and because that discovery was made possible by the generosity of a woman, Queen Isabella. Mr. McDowell had suggested this date when plans for the August 9th meeting were made.

A third meeting was held on October 18th at the home of Mrs. Wm. D. Cabell. The next morning the Washington Post had the following notice: "The parlors of Professor and Mrs. Cabell's residence at 1409 Massachusetts Ave., were comfortably filled last evening by a number of representative women of this city, including Mrs. Harrison, and the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution was completed."

At this meeting the colors of Gen. Washington's staff, (dark blue and white) were chosen for the rosette, and a seal and motto were decided upon. At this meeting also Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood offered a resolution, "That the society should secure rooms and later a fireproof building in which to deposit Revolutionary relics and historical papers." The resolution was adopted.

One year, two months later, on the 14th of December 1891, at a meeting held at Mrs. Cabell's residence, Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth offered a resolution, "that a committee be appointed to consider ways and means of erecting a fireproof building and founding a home for the society, which shall also be the Memorial Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution." (From these two resolutions grew the magnificent home on Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C., valued as of today, May 21, 1952, at seven million dollars.)

From this time, meetings were held each month, over which Mrs. Cabell presided, as Mrs. Harrison accepted the presidency with the understanding that she should not be obliged to attend regularly, her time being fully occupied. It is not easy to estimate the debt the society owes to Mrs. Cabell. Her spacious residence was its meeting place for more than a year. On the 22nd of February, 1891, she gave a grand reception, the first of a series. No pains were spared in the preparations. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Cabell received the members. The rooms were lavishly decorated with the Flag and as the guests entered the hall they passed between a double line of guards dressed in the continental buff and blue. In the supper room the colors of the society were reproduced in flowers and decorations.

Stirring speeches were interspersed with patriotic music. Everything was done to stir pride in the heroic ancestry that gave the right of entrance into the new organization. After this, its success was assured.

On March 20, 1891, the first chapter in the country was formed in Chicago with Mrs. Frank Osborn Regent. This was followed on April 15th of the same year by the Atlanta Chapter and on April 19th by the New York City Chapter.

On June 8th, 1891, the society was incorporated under the laws of Congress for the District of Columbia as the "National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution", the signers of the act of incorporation being Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison, Mrs. Henrietta Greely, Mrs. Sara E. Goode, Mrs. Mary E. McDonald, Mrs. Mary V. E. Cabell, Mrs. Helen M. Boynton, Miss Eugenia Washington and Miss Mary Desha. Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth was not in the city and could not be reached.

The first Congress was held in the Church of Our Father on February 22, 1892.

The Society felt the need of a magazine in which to record its history and in May, 1892, a resolution was adopted providing such a publication. Mrs. Walworth was editor for two years.

The friction between the Board of Management and the organizing vice-president, Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, culminated on July 1, 1891, in the Board declaring her office vacant as she had written that she would not recognize the authority of the Board or submit to any rules. Mrs. Darling resigned August 7th and attempted to organize a separate Daughters of the Revolution in New York State.

In October Mrs. Harrison, President General, invited the national officers and state and chapter regents to a conference held in the home of Mrs. Cabell where free discussions resulted in a full understanding between the state and chapter regents. The next day officers and members were entertained at a reception given by Mrs. Harrison at the White House.

The death of Mrs. Harrison in October, 1892 brought personal sorrow to those who had been associated with her in the work as her loyalty to the Society had endeared her to all. Her beautiful portrait, painted by Daniel Huntington, was unveiled in the Congress of 1894 upon the platform where two years ago she welcomed the regents and delegates. This portrait was a gift from members of the Society to the nation and was placed in the White House.

The Congress of 1898 declared Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha and Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth the Founders of the organization and awarded them medals as such. At the same time, a medal was awarded Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood for special service through the press in recognition of the article she published in the Washington Post July 13th, 1890, which was directly responsible for the early organization of the Daughters.

The history of the insignia adopted by the Society May 26th, 1891, is very interesting but too long to give in detail. After many designs were submitted the emblem of the spinning wheel with distaff across it designed by Professor George Brown Goode of the Smithsonian Institute, was finally chosen. Professor Goode was also Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Society. The spinning wheel from which the original sketch was made was one his mother used early in the century and at the time stood in the dining room of Mr. Goode's house.

On the face of the wheel is the name "Daughters of the American Revolution." There are thirteen stars on the outer edge of the rim, representing the original thirteen states. These may be set with jewels. The colors are dark-blue and white.

Brief Summary of First Fifty Years

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society was celebrated at the Jubilee Congress in April, 1940. To reveal accomplishments of the first fifty years a pageant was staged in five parts, each representing a decade. Even this brief resume should make members appreciative of the honor and privilege of belonging to this organization.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; carrying out the injunction of Gen. Washington in his Farewell Address to the American people "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge", to aid in securing liberty for all. Along this line was cited forty-two scholarships given from the \$360,000 Scholarship Fund; the Phillipine Scholarship for training graduate nurses; two schools, the Kate Duncan Smith and Tamassee, owned and supported mainly by the Society; Good Citizenship Pilgrimages; the Junior American Citizens Club with its ideals of duty to government and consideration for the rights of others; aid given foreign-born with registration, fingerprinting and naturalization; assistance given immigrants at Ellis Island; the D.A.R. Manual now printed in eighteen languages, distributed in European countries and used to teach the fundamentals of democracy.

The Society also employs three workers in Occupational Therapy at Marine Hospital and maintains a National Defense Committee in Washington which scans all bills in Congress and constantly alerts all sub-committees in chapters with information of activity of subversive agents. Purchased two Red Cross ambulances for use in Great Britain in World War II.

Symbolic of the growth and accomplishments of this great organization is its magnificent house located in the Capital of the nation. In addition to Continental Memorial and Constitution Halls, it houses the largest Genealogical Library in the world.

These are only a few of the good works of the Daughters of the American Revolution which manifest the power of ideas translated into deeds. From the ideas of a few alert appreciative women grew this organization of 800,000 members with a Club Home valued at seven millions and a record of achieving its ideals unequaled by any other woman's organization at any time in the world's history.

We can agree with Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that

"A lady with a lamp shall stand
In the great history of the land
A noble type of good
Heroic Womanhood."

Jessie Davis Stakely

Jessie Davis Stakely in whose honor a chair was placed in Memorial Continental Hall by the Peter Forney Chapter, Montgomery, Alabama, is the mother of Francis Stakely Willcox, member of John Parke Custis Chapter. Mrs. Stakely was one of the early members of the Society, having become a Daughter in Washington, D. C. in 1892. She was elected Chaplain General in 1896, and Vice President representing the District of Columbia in 1900.

Later her membership was transferred to the Peter Forney Chapter.

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BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN PARKE CUSTIS

With Excerpts From "The Step-Fatherhood of George Washington

By Charles Moore

D.A.R. Magazine (November 1924)

John Parke Custis, son of Martha Dandridge and Daniel Parke Custis, was born in New Kent County, Virginia, 1753. He was six years of age when his mother married George Washington.

On marrying Martha Custis, Washington took upon himself the duties of step-father which he performed lovingly, faithfully and wisely until his death.

Many of his admonitions to the younger generation went unheeded, but his strong character and his genuine affection were a potent influence for good in their lives.

Washington loved intimate association with his family. His Diaries speak frequently of enjoyable trips to popular Colonial watering places, in particular, Frederick Warm Springs, where their stay was "enlivened by social gaieties with such celebrities as Lord Fairfax, his brother Robert, from London, and nephew, George Wm. Fairfax; the Barclays and Cadwalladers from Philadelphia."

He loved to ride with the hounds and as soon as Jack Custis was old enough, taught him to ride and took the boy with him to official and social entertainments at Williamsburg and Annapolis. This was the social atmosphere in which young Custis was reared. He enjoyed the best of everything. His pumps and doe breeches, his hat laced with silver, his sleeve-buttons and handsome gold seal with the Custis arms engraved on the stone, his garters, his fowling-piece and accoutrements of his horses and even his servants were imported from London as were his Greek Grammar, Roman Antiquities and Method of Bookkeeping.

Jack took to the social side of life with avidity but much to Washington's disappointment, Latin, Essays on Crimes and Punishments, poems of Milton and histories of Hume and Macauley were neglected. He may have dipped into the "History of England in Letters From a Nobleman to His Son" but the leaves of his five religious books remained uncut.

In vain his tutor, the Rev. Mr. Boucher, labored to instill "the learning of the ancients and the precepts of the moderns" into a mind filled with horses, dogs and guns.

Added to the perils Washington encountered in the upbringing of a youth of taste and fortune was the embarrassment of Jack's determination, at the age of eighteen, to marry Eleanor Calvert, fifteen, second daughter of Benedict Calvert and granddaughter of Lord Baltimore V. "As merry, smart and winsome a beauty as ever led lover a brisk chase over the hunting field." As Jack had already asked for the girl's hand before mentioning the matter to his stepfather, there was nothing Washington could do but pay his addresses to Mr. Calvert, which he did in a letter that in part reads, "How far a union of this sort may be agreeable to you, you best can tell, but I should think myself wanting in candor, were I not to confess that Nelly's amiable qualities are acknowledged on all hands, and that an alliance with your family will be pleasing to his."

Mr. Washington observed that, "an alliance between the Calvert and Custis families was almost a union between Maryland and Virginia," and also reminded Mr. Calvert "that Mr. Custis' maternal grandfather, in spite of erratic morals, had his portrait in Windsor Castle for services rendered, and that his silver plate as well as his name were the proud heritage of his descendents," that, "Mr. Custis' estate consists of about fifteen thousand acres of land, a good part of it adjoining the city of Williamsburg; several lots in the said city; between two and three hundred negroes; and about eight or ten thousand pounds upon bond or in the hands of his merchants. This estate he now holds independent of his mother's dower, which will be an addition to it at her death; and upon the whole such an estate as you will readily acknowledge, ought to entitle him to a handsome portion with a wife."

While Washington welcomed such an alliance in the future, he opposed it at the time because of "Jack's youth, inexperience and unripened education," and advised "that for the present Jack apply himself closely to his studies."

Upon a cordial invitation from Martha and George Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Calvert and their two daughters spent four days at Mt. Vernon. Family councils were held and in May Jack Custis stopped off at Mt. Airy, the Calvert home in Marlboro, Maryland, on his way to New York City to enter King's College (now Columbia University). But his college days were short. Less than a year later he and Nelly were married at Mt. Airy.

In spite of the youth of the parties, the bridegroom 19, the bride 16, the marriage turned out to be happy and successful. Their new home called Abington, was built on the Virginia side of the Potomac, opposite the mouth of the Eastern Branch, a site that commanded a fine view of the surrounding country.

The large house still stands; also a few of the fine old trees, reminders of the days of departed glory.

They lived here until Washington was called to take command of the Continental Army and prevailed upon Jack and Eleanor to move to Mt. Vernon and put upon them the duty of caring for Mrs. Washington and managing the estate.

To them were born four children; Elizabeth, Martha, Eleanor and a boy whom they named George Washington Parke Custis.

In August 1776 it became the painful duty of John to write a heart-breaking letter to Gen. Washington about British Men-of-War coming up the Potomac, "as far as Mr. Brents', whose house they burnt while Capt. James with sixty militia stationed there all got drunk and kept challenging the men-of-war to come ashore and upbraiding them with cowardice. When the British accepted the challenge, the militia were asleep after their drunken frolic. Capt. James gave orders for every man to shift for himself and they all ran away without firing a gun."

Custis and Washington kept up close correspondence during the war. Custis on local matters such as his being elected to the Assembly; good crops but prices of necessities high; profiteers overrunning the country and wages high; neither soldiers nor officers could be had for the army, the ardor of the people had dwindled and paper money was an affliction. Washington on his part wrote long letters in relation to home affairs, particularly in regard to the effects of a depreciation of the paper currency on rents, values of land and commodities, a matter on which Custis had the usual hazy ideas.

Jack Custis served as an extra aide to Gen. Washington at Yorktown in 1781. It was Indian Summer and the headquarters were of canvas. Within the town itself smallpox and camp-fever were taking heavy toll among the troops and Custis caught the camp-fever.

Family tradition has it that he saw the ceremonial of the surrender before Dr. Craik hurried him to Eltham, the home of his mother's sister.

In the midst of rejoicings that marked the end of the long drawn out war, Washington slipped away and rode hard to the bedside of the dying boy whom he loved, who loved him, and on whom the hopes and ambitions of Martha Washington were set. The end came quickly and there Washington announced that he would adopt the two younger children of John Parke and Eleanor Custis, Eleanor and George Washington Parke.

George Washington Parke Custis married Mary Lee Fitzhugh in 1802 and their daughter, Mary, married Robert E. Lee (in 1831) who became the great Confederate General.

BIOGRAPHY OF CAROLINE WALTON ADAMS

Organizing Agent

Caroline M. Walton was born at Van Leer, Sumner County, Tenn., 1869. She attended Ward Seminary (now Ward Belmont) in Nashville and came to Birmingham in 1890 as the bride of Arthur A. Adams.

Mrs. Adams joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1905 with National number 8295. Her Revolutionary ancestors were Capt. Wm. Walton and Lt. Col. John Donaldson. She was a charter member of Gen. Sumpter Chapter which she served in various capacities; vice-regent, regent for four years, and member of several important committees, including: one to raise money for the building fund of Continental Memorial Hall; one in conjunction with Old Elyton Chapter to raise money by selling small flags on the streets of Birmingham, Flag Day, 1919, for a Bronze Plaque containing the names of their sons who served in World War I, to be placed in the Birmingham Post Office, and another fund of \$3000 also raised by selling flags in 1923, and contributed to the building fund for the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School.

Perhaps her most outstanding work was done in connection with the founding of this school. The seeds of this worthy institution were planted in the hearts of the Daughters at their Fifteenth State Conference held in Decatur in December 1913. The keynote of the conference was "Increased interest in educational needs in Alabama," and the delegates were so aroused by the report of the chairman of the Educational Committee who brought such a close view of the appalling conditions existing in rural schools, that voluntary contributions totaling \$35.00 were made and became the nucleus of an Educational Fund. At State Conference the next year the fund was increased to \$296.00 but the report of Mrs Wm. Montgomery, Chairman of Committee on Education, again revealed such overwhelming need for aid in schools all over the state that Mrs. J. V. Allen, State Regent, recommended that the delegates decide whether they should try to help so many with so little, or establish and maintain one good D.A.R. school where the need was greatest.

No action was taken on the matter until 1919, when the State Society of Daughters voted unanimously to establish and maintain in the State of Alabama, one Daughters of the American Revolution School, and that it be named the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School, in honor of Kate

Duncan Smith, State Regent, Hon. Vice-Pres. Gen. for Life, and Organizing Agent of the Alabama Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.

As four of the women who worked unfalteringly to establish this school, Mrs. J. V. Allen, Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, Mrs. Watt Brown and Mrs. Adams, were members of the Gen. Sumpter Chapter, the State Society delegated to that Chapter the privilege and responsibility of selecting the location for the school. Accordingly, a committee composed of Mrs. Watt Brown, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Ben Lusk (member of Heroes of King's Mt. Chapter, Guntersville), was assigned the task.

After traveling over the state on mud roads and tramping over many acres of rough ground, the committee finally decided upon Grant Mt. in Marshall County, as the expedient location. Here was dire need of a school for mountain children whose families are of the purest Anglo Saxon strain found anywhere in the State.

The Alabama Society of Daughters accepted the recommendation of the committee and on March 5, 1924, Mrs. Watt Brown, chairman, presented to the State Regent, Mrs. Walter Robinson, the deed to the land, together with the key to the little delapidated one-room school building on it. Mrs. Adams' Flag Day contribution of \$3000 helped greatly in building the first unit of this Educational Institution.

Mrs. Adams was regent of the Chapter for seven years, 1925-1932, and upon retiring was made Hon. Regent for life. She presented to the Chapter a very unique gavel, made of cedar from the avenue of cedars at The Hermitage.

Mrs. Adams attended many meetings of the Continental Congress and had the honor of meeting four U. S. Presidents, Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A special program honoring Mrs. Adams as founder was held at Mt. Brook Club, Birmingham, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chapter. Tribute was paid to her work with the Daughters and she was presented with an orchid corsage. Television pictures of Mrs. Adams and Charter members present were taken by W B R C.

Notice of this meeting was published in the D.A.R. Magazine July, 1951.

ANNIE LOU WEAKLEY ALLEN

Honorary Life State Regent, 1918
Charter Member of John Parke Custis Chapter
and with the exception of a few years, Chaplain until 1949.

Annie Lou Weakley, daughter of Harriet and Thomas Porter Weakley, was born in Nashville in 1867, maternally descended through the line of Col. Robert Irwin and the Moores of North Carolina. She married Joseph V. Allen in 1891 in the same family home where her mother and grandmother were brides.

She became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the turn of the century by joining the General Sumpter Chapter in Birmingham. She held several offices in this Chapter, including that of Regent in 1905. In December 1912 she was elected State Regent of Alabama and served through 1914. At the State Conference in 1913 she recommended that a school be established in the state and supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution.* From this suggestion grew the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School. At this same Conference she appointed a committee to act with other organizations urging favorable State Legislation for improving educational facilities throughout the state, including compulsory education.

She was made Honorary Life State Regent in 1918. Served as Chairman of Committee on Education in 1920, and on various other State committees, but her chief work was with the Children of the American Revolution. She was State Promoter for years and organized the first chapter in Alabama, the Jane Bland Chapter in 1912, and several years later the Captain John Earle, with her own Chapter, John Parke Custis, Sponsor. She became a charter member of the latter chapter in 1925 and with the exception of a few years, served as Chaplain until 1949. She has also served as Parliamentarian and Librarian. She represented the Chapter at Continental Congress in 1931.

In 1938 the Chapter established the Annie Weakley Allen Scholarship Fund in honor of her State Regency.

She was one of seven Honorary Life State Regents honored at the State Conference in Mobile in 1948, and also honored by the John Parke Custis Chapter Jan. 16, 1952. A resume of her work was read and a

*Page 33, Minutes State Society, 1898-1930

contribution of twenty-five dollars made to the Annie Weakley Allen Scholarship Fund. Gifts from the Executive Board included a handsome leather handbag and a beautiful corsage.

Mrs. Allen is a member of the D.A.R. Officers Club of Alabama, but her interests have not been confined entirely to D.A.R. work. She is a charter member of the Birmingham Music Study Club, a member and Past President of the Clionian Literary Club and member of the Methodist Church.

To Annie Weakley Allen go top honors of the Chapter. She is the only member distinguished by holding the highest State office, and as she has been a Daughter over half a century, her term of membership is the longest.

She was a delegate to the Fourth State Conference in 1902 and an enthusiastic guest at the Fiftieth Conference in 1952, at the age of eighty-five.

HISTORY OF JOHN PARKE CUSTIS CHAPTER

From Its Founding April 15, 1925 to May 21, 1952

An article entitled "The Step-Fatherhood of George Washington" that appeared in the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine November, 1924, influenced Carrie Walton Adams to choose John Parke Custis Patron of the Chapter which she organized April 15, 1925. The article was based on Washington's Diaries and letters of Custis and revealed the deep bond of affection and esteem that existed between Mr. Washington and his ward.

The name proved singularly appropo. Jack Custis, reared in a wealthy aristocratic social atmosphere, took to the social side of life eagerly and had little ambition otherwise until Mr. Washington, upon being made Commander of the Continental Army, requested Jack and his wife to reside at Mt. Vernon to look after the welfare of Mrs. Washington and manage the estate during his absence. The devotion with which Custis accepted and fulfilled this responsibility was a great comfort to the General.

Society, likewise, played an important part in the early years of the Chapter bearing the name of John Parke Custis. Charter members freely admit that social fellowship was their primary purpose in organizing a new D.A.R. unit. Accordingly, the first meetings were elaborate luncheons, very festive occasions, enjoyed socially but of small value to the program of the National Society of Daughters. Later, however, these parties gave way to purposeful D.A.R. meetings supporting the objectives of the National Society. Since then the Chapter has steadily grown in rendering services worthy of its Honorable Patron.

The Chapter was approved by the National Executive Board June 10, 1925, but the first meeting was not called until December 15 when Mrs. Adams entertained the thirty-two organizing members at a luncheon in her home. Minutes of this meeting are very brief, recording only that the annual dues be five dollars and an annual luncheon be held in December. They do not record the names of the organizing members or the first officers except Carrie Walton Adams, Regent, and Annie Weakley Allen, Chaplain. But according to a bit of history written two years later by Sophia Perkins Montgomery, Mrs. Wm. G., the first officers were:

Regent, Carrie Walton Adams, Mrs. Arthur A.; Vice-regent, Elizabeth Mendel Crockard, Mrs. Frank; Chaplain, Annie Weakley Allen, Mrs. J. V.; Recording Secretary, Harriet Walton Smith, Mrs. P. M.; Treasurer, Susan C. Ewing Ford, Mrs. J. M. Jr.; Registrar, Jessie A. Boyle, Mrs. Peter A.

According also to records compiled by Mrs. Montgomery and corroborated by those of Sadie Gillespy Roberts, Mrs. David, Jr., Second Registrar, the membership at the close of the first year numbered forty-six and constitute the Charter Members. They are listed here, the first thirty-two names being those of the organizing members.

Organizing and Charter Members

Organizing

| National Number | First Officers |
|---|----------------|
| 8295 - Adams, Carrie Walton, Mrs. Arthur A. | Regent |
| 199783 - Anderson, Frederika Fergurson, Mrs. Pelham | |
| 197799 - Averett, Mary Lee, Mrs. E. A. | |
| 200191 - Belman, Louise P. P., Mrs. C. R. | |
| 169591 - Boyle, Jessie A., Mrs. Peter A. | Registrar |
| 199784 - Cabaniss, Elizabeth Morris, Mrs. Jelks. | |
| 197800 - Crawford, Elizabeth Bowie, Mrs. Ed. | |
| 197801 - Crockard, Elizabeth Mendel, Mrs. Frank | Vice-Regent |
| 167005 - Ferguson, Louise Walker, Mrs. Hill | |
| 179467 - Ford, Julia S., Mrs. Charlie West | |
| 199785 - Ford, Sarah Elizabeth Ewing, Mrs. Wm. Walton | |
| 199786 - Ford, Susan C. Ewing, Mrs. J. M., Jr. | Treasurer |
| 199787 - Houseal, Mary M. Sessions, Mrs. Wm. B. | |
| 197803 - Jemison, Mary H. Dillard, Mrs. Elbert T. | |
| 160421 - Jemison, Virginia Walker, Mrs. Robert, Jr. | |
| 101071 - Koenig, Leila W. Adams, Mrs. T. C. Jr. | |
| 197804 - Lanier, Henrietta Gibson, Mrs. Russel D. | |
| 199788 - McDavid, Francis Lee, Mrs. Edmund R., Jr. | |
| 197805 - McDavid, Martha B. Prince, Mrs. J. J. | |
| 76999 - Montgomery, Miss Hattie Earle | |
| 197807 - Moore, Eva Comer, Mrs. William | |
| 197808 - Munger, Rose Owen McDavid, Mrs. Lonnie P. | |
| 197809 - Percy, Martha S. Phinzy, Mrs. LeRoy | |

National Number

First Officers

199789 - Phelan, Sarah E., Miss
 199057 - Roberts, Sadie Gillespy, Mrs. David, Jr.
 199790 - Shackelford, Julia F. Stollenwerck, Mrs. W. C.
 199059 - Shook, Marion Cunningham, Mrs. Alfred M., Jr.
 199791 - Smallman, Julia F. Shackelford, Mrs. Ralph A.
 179150 - Smith, Harriet Walton, Mrs. P. M.
 197810 - Smith, Virginia McDavid, Mrs. Maclin F.
 197811 - Walton, Alice Donaldson, Miss
 199058 - Wimberly, Mary Gillespy, Mrs. T. Felton

Recording Secretary

Additional Charter

31197 - Allen, Annie L. Weakley, Mrs. J. V.
 40166 - Badham, Helen Terry, Mrs. Henry L.
 217789 - Brewer, Virginia C. Adams, Mrs. Geo. A.
 197802 - Crutcher, Ida Neal Ford, Mrs. Robert D., Jr.
 217794 - Ford, Cynthia Fowlkes, Mrs. Lewis E.
 217793 - Fowlkes, Isabel Mushat, Mrs. Walter B.
 180417 - Gray, Susie Walton, Mrs. J. J., Jr.
 29732 - Hewit, Harriet Earle, Mrs. G. W.
 76999 - Montgomery, Sophia Perkins, Mrs. Wm. G.
 120749 - Nelson, Lou Etta Paul, Mrs. Frank, Jr.
 82358 - Nesbit, Virginia P. M., Mrs. Valentine, Jr.
 212694 - Rucker, Lillian Hill, Mrs. E. W.
 222334 - Stewart, Margaret Coleman, Mrs. M. C.
 226260 - Walker, Mollie S. Cullom, Mrs. Wm. M.

Chaplain

Events of the Carrie Walton Adams Administration

First Regent 1925 - 1932

1925 Dec. 15. First meeting, luncheon with Mrs. Adams.
 1926 Dec. 16. Registrar reported membership of forty-six and that they would constitute the charter members.
 1927 Contribution of ten dollars to the Christmas Fund of Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School.

Voted to change meetings from December to Feb. 22, with programs commemorating Washington's Birthday.

Mrs. William G. Montgomery elected historian.

- 1928 Mrs. Adams attended Continental Congress.
- 1930 Donated forty-six dollars for addition to Kate Duncan Smith School.
Donated twenty-five dollars to Robt. E. Lee Memorial.
- 1931 Mrs. J. V. Allen represented Chapter at Continental Congress.
Chapter heard a brilliant address by Mrs. Zebulon Judd, State
Regent, who attended the dedication services of the Colonial Monu-
ment at Yorktown, Va.
- 1932 Feb. 22. Guest speaker, Mrs. Alexander Garber, gave an inspiring
talk on "The Father of Our Country," stressing his great heart,
mind and courage and deploring the tendency of youth at this time
of belittling and ridiculing the great men who made the early
history of our country. There were few who realized at the time
that this ridicule was perpetrated by communistic propaganda al-
ready at work in our schools.

Mrs. Adams presented cedar gavel to Chapter.

Chapter pledged one dollar per member to the National Fund for pur-
chasing an Arch of Alabama marble to be placed in Continental Memo-
rial Hall.

Mrs. Adams was made Hon. Regent for life.

Mrs. Wm. G. Montgomery elected Regent Feb. 22, 1932.

Records of meetings beginning Nov. 20, 1932, and continuing through
the spring of 1940 show a state of confusion typical of conditions every-
where during the depression thirties. Many members and officers resigned,
reducing the membership at one time to twelve. Dues were reduced to
\$2.00. Meetings became very irregular, only one a year, and on two occa-
sions, eighteen and twenty months elapsed between meetings which were at-
tended by as few as eight members.

For this reason, and also because records of some of the meetings
that were held are incomplete, it was necessary to group the main events
of the three administrations covering this period.

The Regents were:

Sophia Perkins Montgomery (Mrs. Wm. G.) 1932-1935.

Mary Gillespy Wimberly (Mrs. T. Felton) 1936.

Henrietta Gibson Lanier (Mrs. Russel D.) May 19, 1937, to
May 22, 1940.

BIOGRAPHIES

Sophia Perkins Montgomery, daughter of Claudius and Hattie Earle Perkins, was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., August 21, 1859, and died in Birmingham October 11, 1941. Being a descendant of pioneer Jefferson County families, her life was spent in this section, first in Elyton and then in Birmingham. Her heritage of Revolutionary ancestors stimulated in her an early interest in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she became a member in 1910, joining the General Sumpter Chapter. At one time she was Regent of this Chapter but later resigned to become a charter member of the John Parke Custis Chapter and served as Regent of the latter Chapter from 1932 to 1935.

Her eligibility list included John Earle, Captain of the South Carolina Rangers, which he commanded from the beginning to the end of the Revolutionary War; Samuel Taylor, Major in the Sixth South Carolina regiment of the Continental Army of the American Revolution; also Captain in Col. Maham's regimental Army of the American Revolution; also Captain in Col. Maham's regiment of Light Dragoons, State Troops of South Carolina; and James Holland, Lieutenant and Captain in the North Carolina troops.

Mrs. Montgomery was Chairman of the Monument Committee which had in charge the raising of funds for the boulder placed at Five Points in memory of soldiers of the Revolution buried in Jefferson County. She was State Chairman of the National Defense Committee for several years and was one of the first to recognize and expose communistic propaganda infiltrating our public schools. But her longest and most beloved work was with the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School.

As Chairman of the State Committee on Education, she visited schools in every part of the state and reported conditions to the State Conferences. She was one of the driving forces in founding the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School and for many years served as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Montgomery was a member of the D.A.R. Officers Club, Colonial Dames and South Highland Presbyterian Church.

Mary Gillespy Wimberly is an organizing member of the Chapter, has served as Vice-Regent twice, was elected Regent in spring of 1936 but resigned after serving six months. She has served as Chairman of Scholarship Committee, and Program Chairman 1949-52.

Henrietta Gibson was born in Birmingham March 13, 1896, in third generation of a pioneer family. Attended Goucher College, class of 1917. Married Russel D. Lanier July 21, 1917. Joined the D.A.R. 1925, becoming an organizing member of John Parke Custis Chapter which she has served as treasurer, vice-regent and regent for two terms 1937-40; 1946-49; chairman of various committees including Good Citizenship and National Defense, the latter claiming much time and conscientious endeavor to discover and expose subversive agents, not only while serving as chairman of the committee, but throughout the years. She was State National Defense Chairman 1940-43.

Mrs. Lanier has served in many other clubs and organizations of the city. She was a charter member of the Junior League and is still a sustaining member; member of the Y.W.C.A. Board for fifteen years as chairman of Birmingham Girl Reserves; Vice-chairman of the Woman's Division of Jefferson County Red Cross Volunteer Services during World War II. During the polio epidemic of 1951 she served two days a week as volunteer nurse in the Polio Ward of Jefferson-Hillman Hospital.

She is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Much credit is due these Regents for their courage and persistence in carrying on the work of the Chapter during this difficult period which, paradoxically, is highlighted with many valuable achievements.

1932 Publication of the first Chapter Year Book which, in addition to recording the first by-laws, preserved the roll of the Charter members, so far the only record that can be found.

First payment was made on the pledge to the Memorial Arch Fund.

Early in her regime, Mrs. Montgomery forcibly reminded the members that they were part of a national organization and must support and promote the program of the National Society instead of local projects, after which Chapter programs and work took on a national aspect, stressing particularly National Defense, and the dangers of communistic agents working in our government.

At a historical meeting a letter from the Historian General was read, telling of the Yorktown Pilgrimage to Paris, France,

October 19, 1932, where a Bronze Tablet honoring the French soldiers who died in the battle of Yorktown was unveiled in Pershing Hall.

1933 On June 14, the Chapter By-Laws were amended to conform to the State By-Laws, viz; that officers be elected for three years.

Chapter went on record as opposed to recognition of the Soviet Government of Russia by the government of the United States.

1936 Mrs. Wimberly presented three dozen beautiful plate mats to the Domestic Science Department of Kate Duncan Smith School.

1938 Jan. 15. First record of a Chapter Board Meeting. It was held in the home of the Regent, Mrs. Russel Lanier.

Feb. 23. First account of chairmen being appointed to committees on Americanism, Approved Schools, Correct Use of the Flag, Good Citizenship, National Defense, Historical Research and Real Daughters.

First National Defense program given by the United States Army.

On June 8, the Annie Weakley Allen Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Mrs. J. V. Allen who was State Regent in 1913-14. The fund was started with fifty dollars, to be increased as the Chapter became financially able. It was increased the next year, Feb. 22, to one hundred dollars and loaned to Miss Lois Reeves for a six months' term at Massey Business College. Miss Reeves repaid the loan which was later loaned to Miss Elizabeth McCarn at Montevallo College who also repaid it.

Feb. 23, 1940, Miss Evelyn Meadow, Chairman of Americanism, reported having attended Naturalization ceremonies in April and October which is the first record of this work in the Chapter.

The Chapter contributed forty books to Kate Duncan Smith School and one geneology book, "The Philadelphia Branch of the Clarkson Family" to the National Library of Geneology.

May 22. Chapter pledged fifty dollars to fund for purchasing 92 acres of land for Model Farm Project of Kate Duncan Smith School. Paid twenty-five dollars on it.

On November 13, 1940, the regular schedule of meetings was resumed with Mrs. David Roberts, Jr., Regent.

Biography of Sadie Gillespy Roberts, Mrs. David, Jr.,

Regent May 22, 1940 - Oct. 27, 1943

Sadie Gillespy Roberts joined the D.A.R. in 1925, becoming an organizing member of John Parke Custis Chapter which she served as Registrar from 1932 to 1952 with the exception of the four years 1940-44 when she served as Regent. She was also Chairman of Good Citizenship Committee 1937-40.

In addition to D.A.R. work, Mrs. Roberts organized the Alabama Women's Golf Association in 1929 and served as president until 1951. She was a charter member of the Birmingham Junior League and New Era Study Club; Vice-president of the Lindley Heflin Unit; member of Y.W.C.A. Board 1938-43 as Chairman of the Neighborhood House; and member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Administration

1940 Nov. 13. An inspiring report of the Fiftieth Anniversary Jubilee Congress held in Washington in April was given by Mrs. A. G. Mitchell, State Regent. By giving a detailed account of the diversified achievements of the Society in its first fifty years, Mrs. Mitchell impressed upon each member the honor and great privilege of being part of an organization pledged to protect our nation and our liberties.

Mrs. Russel Lanier, Defense Chairman, made a detailed report on un-American activities in Birmingham schools and warned that the propaganda of Anti-American groups carried on in the name of Patriotic Groups in high schools and colleges throughout the country constitute grave danger to our nation. At her request copies of "Questions and Answers on the Constitution" were purchased and distributed in the Birmingham Schools.

1941 The Chapter sponsored Good Citizenship Girls and gave pins to Sarah Gann, Woodlawn High; Lucy Roundtree, Ramsay; Helen McDaniel, Phillips.

Contributed ten dollars to heating system, Kate Duncan Smith School.

1942 Mrs. J. V. Allen organized the Capt. John Earle Chapter Children of the American Revolution with John Parke Custis Chapter as sponsor.

The Capt. John Earle Chapter contributed fifty dollars to the National C. A. R. Jeep Fund, making Alabama the first state to meet its quota.

1943 The Annie Weakley Allen Scholarship Fund was increased to one hundred fifty dollars.

Mrs. Bert Meadow elected Regent.

Biography of Evelyn Adams Meadow, Mrs. Bert,

Regent Oct. 27, 1943 - June 6, 1946

Evelyn Adams Meadow joined the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution Dec. 22, 1937, and became a member of the John Parke Custis Chapter. A sister, daughter and other relatives were already members of this Chapter. The Revolutionary Ancestor through whose lineage they joined was Lt. Richard Adams, born in Henrico County, Virginia, in 1735.

Mrs. Meadow served the Chapter as Regent from 1943-46, and as Chaplain and chairman for the Correct Use of the Flag 1949-52.

She was a charter member of the Caxton Literary Club; has served as First Reader of First Church of Christ Scientist; on Board of Y.W.C.A. as Chairman of Neighborhood House and General of the War Savings Drive of World War I.

Administration

1944 The Chapter contributed twenty dollars to K.D.S.S. and fifty-two dollars to War Fund.

Mrs. James Wiley, historian, sent the War Service Records of families represented in our membership to the Historian General.

Oct. 24. The program consisted of an address by Dr. Roy Krache, on the Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham.

Dec. 5. Program, address by the Hon. Thomas W. Martin, General Chairman of the Southern Research Institute of Birmingham, in which he told of rapid development of research and the great potentialities of future plans.

1946 A box of clothing was sent to K.D.S.S. for their rummage sale. The Chapter met requirements of Card of Excellence.

Annual Dues were restored to the original five dollars.

Mrs. Russel Lanier was elected Regent for the second time.

Second Administration of Henrietta Gibson Lanier

1946 - 1949

1946 Chapter accepted assessment of twenty-five dollars to Kate Duncan Smith School in honor of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

First Defense Program given by Navy. Mr. George Merriweather gave an interesting history of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

1947 An instructive program on the broad scope of work required by the National Society was given by the Regent, Mrs. Lanier.

1948 Chapter voted to incorporate the Annie Weakley Allen Scholarship Fund in the State Scholarship Fund, for investment, and interest therefrom be given to students rather than loaned.

Oct. 20. Outstanding Defense Program given by Lt. W. H. Jackson and Chief Thomas of U. S. Navy, who presented a series of Technicolor pictures showing the Navy program for training new recruits.

Voted to accept assessment of six dollars per member for the National Building Fund, which totaled \$336.00 for the current enrollment of fifty-six members.

1949 Feb. 23. Mrs. Lanier announced that the value of the D.A.R. Manual reached far beyond the bounds of the United States, that it had been translated into German and was being used by German students studying the functions of the American Government.

Completed payment of the three dollars per member pledge to the Kate Duncan Smith School Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund.

May 18. Program, an exceedingly interesting and informative address by Mr. Wm. Brantley on the History of Indians in Alabama.

Chapter met requirements of the Card of Excellence.

Won the Lane Silver Trophy presented by Officers Club.

Mrs. David Adams III. elected Regent.

Biography of Maribel Bartee Adams

Regent 1949-52

Maribel Bartee Adams, daughter of Ella Weakley Sloan and James Julian Bartee, was born in Mobile, Alabama, 1905. Maternally descended through the lines of Chappelle of North Carolina, Weakley and Sloan of Virginia. Paternally, through Col. Francis Eppes, House of Burgess; Sims and Harris lines of Virginia. She joined the Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1937, holding membership in the Lt. Wilcox Chapter.

Upon moving to Birmingham in 1947, she became a member of John Parke Custis Chapter and served as Regent 1949-52. She is a member of the Alabama D.A.R. Officers Club, being Corresponding Secretary for two years; a charter member of the Junior League; and member of the Board of the Woman's Organization in the Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham.

Administration

The administration of Maribel Bartee Adams is marked with progress in almost every phase of D.A.R. Objectives.

The membership increased to sixty-seven. Two of the charter members, Harriet Walton Smith, Mrs. P. M., and Virginia Adams Brewer, Mrs. Geo., who had resigned several years ago, were reinstated in 1952.

Good Citizenship meetings were attended by Chapter members. A total of twenty-six girls were sponsored and presented with Good Citizenship pins.

Naturalization Courts were also attended and eighteen D.A.R. Manuals presented to war brides upon their attaining United States Citizenship.

Twenty-six Manuals were placed in schools and libraries.

The Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School was remembered each year with Gift-Boxes, magazines, clothing and shoes, for their rummage sale, and cash gifts totaling sixty-seven dollars, fifty cents.

An article showing the progress made in D.A.R. Approved Schools was written by Rapheal Miller, Chapter chairman, and sent to the State Program Chairman.

Interest in the different departments of work required by the National Society for the protection of our National Liberties increased steadily until at the January meeting in 1952, all but one of the eleven committee chairmen were present and gave splendid reports of their accomplishments.

In addition to the reports already mentioned, instructions for the correct Use of the Flag were given; D.A.R. Magazine subscriptions increased to fifteen; two historical documents were sent to the National Library, and seven books to State Library, by Alice Graham Sims, Chapter Librarian. The books include: Two Vols. of "A Memorial Period of Alabama." A concise account of the State's Political, Military, Professional and Industrial Progress, together with the Personal Memoirs of Many of Its People. (1893)

Four Vols. History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography 1921, by Thomas McAdory Owen.

One Vol. (DeLuxe) History of Alabama and Dictionary of Biography, Supplement to 1921, by Marie Bankhead Owen.

One book, "The Adams Family" by James Truslow Adams, was sent to Kate Duncan Smith School.

Two subscriptions to Movie Magazine, Better Films for Children, were sent to the editors of Birmingham News and Post-Herald.

Press notices of Chapter meetings appeared in the daily papers.

Under soil conservation a total of 5650 bulbs were planted, also maple and holly trees, crepe myrtle, azaleas and shrubbery.

Many members are active in human conservation. One has given one hundred fifty hours as a volunteer polio nurse, another works at a Blood Bank and another is chairman of a committee serving indigent patients at Jefferson Hospital.

The Student Loan Fund was increased by a gift of twenty-five dollars, at the January meeting in 1952 when tribute was paid Annie Weakley

Allen, Honorary State Regent, in whose honor the scholarship fund was established.

With such excellent reports it is difficult to evaluate the work of one chairman above that of the others, but it appears that the efforts of Mrs. Frank Dixon, Chairman of National Defense and Americanism, have reached an exceedingly broad scope. At every meeting her report brought definite information of agents and influences at work to destroy our nation, and each time she urged the members to be alert always, and act every time they could to offset the poisonous ideologies, and treasonable intentions, not only of foreign agents, but of our own government officials. Some of her reports and recommendations are shown in the following items.

In 1950 the Chapter joined with other D.A.R. chapters in petitioning the State Legislature to rescind the law passed in 1943 favoring World Government.

On Feb. 17, 1951, Mrs. Dixon made a radio talk over Station W B R C in which she explained the dangers and malicious intent incorporated in the Genocide Convention and urged that citizens write senators and congressmen and express their opposition to acceptance of the convention. On two other occasions the members sent resolutions to congress opposing Socialized medicine, and letters urging the adoption of the unenacted Recommendations of the Hoover Report.

Members of the Chapter signed the Freedom Scroll of the Crusade for Freedom which is to be placed in the base of the Freedom Bell in Berlin, Germany.

Year books were printed each year and undoubtedly helped to make the members conscious of the worthy objectives and ideals of the organization to which they have inherited the right to belong. Excellent programs were planned for the year, each directly bearing on one or more objectives of the Society: Educational, Patriotic or Historic. A program on National Defense by Air was given by Col. Henry L. Badham. On Alabama Day October 11, 1950, an intensely interesting talk was made by Mrs. Eugene B. Henry on, "Flags Flown Over Alabama" as she displayed each one.

The program theme for 1951-52 was "Forward". In September, "With Our American Youth". The choir of the Kate Duncan Smith School, and the principal, Mr. Tyson, were invited to give the program. The choir rendered several fine selections and Mr. Tyson gave an informative talk on the rapid advance in all departments of the school.

In November, "With National Defense and America", Ex-Governor, the Hon. Frank M. Dixon, gave a profound address on the psychology of our forebears who made our country great and of the evil forces now at work to destroy it.

"Forward to Greater Heights in the Work of the National Society", was the program for January, and it was at this meeting that chairmen of the various committees made the excellent reports previously noted.

The February program, as usual, was historic, with emphasis on Music in George Washington's Time. Miss Helen Wright, guest pianist, played selections illustrating the limitations in style and mood of music existing in the early years of our country because of lack of musical instruments.

Mrs. Adams called a meeting of the Executive Board prior to each Chapter meeting.

Two additional annual program meetings were added. One in January, approved May 16, 1951, and a luncheon to be held in March, approved May 15, 1952.

Provision was also made August 14, 1950, to provide each new member with a copy of the D.A.R. Hand Book.

The Standard of Excellence required for the Honor Roll was met each year making a perfect score for the administration of Maribel Bartee Adams.

Addenda

May 21, 1952 - May 19, 1954

New elected officers installed at the last meeting of Mrs. Adams' administration were: Regent, Virginia Proctor Bigler, Mrs. Hugh P.; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. B. Haslam; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Joseph Fox; Chaplain, Mrs. Bert Meadow; Recording Secretary, Mrs. James McVoy; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elliott Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. Sydney C. Orr; Librarian, Mrs. H. U. Sims; Registrar, Mrs. David Roberts, Jr; Historian, Mrs. Ray H. MacFetridge.

Biography of Virginia Proctor Bigler, Mrs. Hugh P.

Regent May 1952 - May 1955

Virginia Kent Proctor was born May 9, 1907, in Malden, Mass. When she was eight years old her family moved to Southboro, Mass., where she graduated from Peters High School.

She attended Illinois Women's College (now McMurray College) in Jacksonville, Ill., graduating in 1928.

It was here that she met Mr. Hugh Patterson Bigler to whom she was married October 20, 1928, at her home in Southboro.

They lived in Evanston, Illinois, one year then moved to Western Springs, Illinois, where they resided until 1941 when they moved to Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Bigler soon became active in the civic and cultural life in her new community. She is a member of the Canterbury-Mountain Brook Methodist Church, Highland Book Club, Board of the Southside Neighborhood House and sponsor of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Was formerly a member of the Rockbrook and Little Garden Clubs.

She became a member of the John Parke Custis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution December 8, 1948, through her Revolutionary ancestor Robert Proctor who came to America about 1635, settled at Concord, Massachusetts, and became a Freeman in 1643. Another ancestor, Thomas Dudley, was governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1634, 1640, 1650, and a founder of Harvard College.

Mrs. Bigler's first work in the Chapter was Chairman of the D.A.R. Magazine Committee. She also appeared on a radio program with vice-president general Mrs. Smith G. Fallaw.

She was elected regent of the Chapter in May 1952. Also served as president of the Birmingham Council of Regents 1952-53.

She is the mother of two children, Hugh Patterson, Jr., and Virginia Kent, who married Dr. Hughes B. Kennedy, III. She became a member of the John Parke Custis Chapter October 12, 1954.

Administration

1952 Sept. 20. At the first meeting of Mrs. Bigler's administration a beautiful D.A.R. pin was presented to Maribel Barte Adams in appreciation of her excellent leadership during her term of office. This inaugurated a custom which is to be observed at the close of each administration.

Mrs. John Newsome, Chairman of Approved Schools, and other members of the Chapter attended Dedication Services at the Kate Duncan Smith School in October. They took with them eighty-five pounds of clothing and over a hundred magazines donated by the Chapter.

A contribution of fifty dollars was also given to the school for purchase of land.

At the Alabama Day meeting in November Mr. Rucker Agee, President of the Birmingham Historical Society, gave an interesting account of historical incidents and legends unique to Alabama.

1953 Jan. 21. The new Executive Board which had accepted the responsibility passed on to it by the retiring Board, of finding ways and means to provide a Regents Fund, recommended that a White Elephant Auction be held in January. The Chapter accepted the plan and the auction was held in the home of Mrs. Bert Meadow. It proved to be quite an enjoyable event. Amid much merriment and fun articles donated by Chapter members were auctioned by Mrs. J. K. Thurer and netted a total of seventy-one dollars, fifty cents, which became the nucleus of the Regents Fund. This fund is to be used to

pay expenses of the regent, or her alternate, to meetings of the Continental Congress.

Feb. 18. Vice-president General Mrs. Smith G. Fallaw and state officers, Mrs. J. O. Luttrell, Regent; Mrs. R. E. Mattison, Treasurer; Mrs. John Privett, Chaplain; Mrs. Sellers Stough, Parliamentarian, and regents of seven Birmingham chapters were guests of John Parke Custis Chapter at the George Washington Birthday Party held at Mountain Brook Club.

The program, a review of Freeman's "George Washington" given by Mrs. Brooks Whitton, member of Princess Sehay Chapter, was one of the most comprehensive ever given before the chapter.

Historical dolls in colonial costumes were displayed by Mrs. Josephine Aldridge Harris.

Refreshments were served from a tea table beautifully decorated with red, white and blue flowers.

March 28. In accordance with action taken by the Board May 15, 1952, approving an additional annual meeting to be held in March, a Dutch Luncheon was held at the Vestavia Country Club.

Reports of the State Convention held in Selma March 10-12 were given by the delegates, Mrs. David Adams, III, Mrs. James McVoy, and Mrs. Sydney C. Orr.

The History of the Chapter, covering its activities from the founding April 15, 1925, to May 21, 1952, was presented to the Chapter by the historian, Mrs. Ray H. MacFetridge.

Copies of the history were placed in the Library of the National Society, Washington, D. C., the State Archives, Montgomery, Ala., and the Birmingham Library.

At the Dedication Day services held at Kate Duncan Smith School in October, the President General Gertrude S. Carraway announced that the John Parke Custis Chapter had received national recognition for these presentations.

May 20. Contributions of ten dollars each were given to the Annie Weakley Allen Scholarship Fund; Maintenance Fund of Kate Duncan Smith School; and the National Society Museum.

Mrs. Frank M. Dixon who had done splendid work keeping the Chapter informed on National Defense news resigned and Mrs. Paul Bowron was appointed to continue the work.

For the first time in many years the Chapter was represented at the Continental Congress. Mrs. James H. R. Cromwell was the delegate.

Here are a few excerpts from her report which was read to the Chapter.

"The beautiful Bell Tower at Valley Forge was dedicated on Saturday, April 18. In spite of a cold rain one thousand Daughters, carrying lunch boxes, traveled on a special train to the shrine built by members at a cost of \$378,000.

"Opening Night is very spectacular. The music, the flags, the Pages in their lovely white dresses and the Daughters in evening dress--two-thirds drenched in orchids--made a beautiful picture. A few criticisms were heard as we stood when Vice-President Nixon arrived to speak. The few men on the stage were wearing white tie. The Vice-President arrived in grey business suit and blue tie. He quickly explained that the Senate was in session (although it was ten-thirty at night) and he had to return as soon as possible.

"The program lasted three hours, with the Singing Sergeants of the U. S. Air Force Band to give variety between speeches.

"The President General Mrs. James B. Patton is an excellent speaker, has a pleasing voice and great poise. Her address on Individual Responsibility was chiefly a warning against World Government and Communism.

"The Junior National President, so young and full of enthusiasm, gave an address also against Communism which brought applause almost equal to that of the President General.

"Four thousand attended the White House Tea. Mrs. Eisenhower managed to shake hands with most of them although Mrs. Nixon and wives of the Cabinet Members were there to assist.

"After the Congress closed I spent some time in Continental Memorial Hall and Library. The museum is interesting, the Alabama

Room has lovely antiques and though not completely furnished is charming. The Library is quiet and restful. It is a building to be proud of."

- 1953 Sept. 16. A meeting celebrating Constitution Day was held at Mountain Brook Club. Mr. Hugh Bigler gave a most informative talk on Founding the Constitution, weaving into the warp the multitude of problems encountered in the woof of formation of the Union. Facts little known to the average citizen of this twentieth century but which should be brought to light to make us ever grateful for the hard work done by our forebearers in establishing a government that has given its people unequalled freedom and security.

Immediately following this talk Mrs. Paul Bowron gave a detailed report on National Defense and revealed that our national security is still beset with problems and attacked by enemies within, when she reported the extent to which communist doctrine is being taught in all our schools from the lower grades in public schools to colleges and universities. Mrs. Bowron was requested to investigate text books being used in our city schools and if possible to secure a copy of a book called Teacher's Guide which was reported being used by teachers and containing much communist propaganda. The Regent was requested to urge regents of the other Birmingham chapters to help contact the schools.

- 1953 Nov. 18. The Chapter accepted as its historical project the presentation of an American flag to the Arlington Historical Museum, 331 Cotton Avenue, Birmingham. A large silk flag was given to the Chapter by Mrs. Ray MacFetridge, the presentation being made by Mrs. Paul Bowron at the November meeting. Mrs. Bert Meadow, Chaplain, received the flag for the Chapter.

- 1954 Jan. 20. At the January meeting which was held in the Arlington Museum, Mrs. Meadow presented the flag to Mr. Carlton Smith, President of the Arlington Historical Association, as a gift from the John Parke Custis Chapter D.A.R.

Emphasizing the value of history Mr. Hill Ferguson gave a talk on Preservation of Family Records stressing the importance of keeping them correct.

Feb. 17. By custom if not by law the February meeting has become "Guest Day" in the Chapter and as usual a large number were present to see the play "Spirit of America" which was presented by the Howard College Maskers. The play written by Mr. Hugh Bigler portrayed the influence of women in the history of our nation.

A copy of the play was sent to the National Society Library.

The first National Defense Award of Merit to be given by the Chapter was presented to Lena Vail Davis, Mrs. Harwell, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the community.

Original letters of Mary Desha regarding the founding of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution were displayed by a guest, Mrs. Leon Hamrick.

At the March Luncheon held at The Club reports of the State Conference at Mobile were given. In the drawing contest among regents of chapters having 100% Standard of Excellence, Mrs. Bigler won the fifteen dollar prize given by the Officers Club. With approval of the Chapter the money was donated to the Lane Chapel Fund at Kate Duncan Smith School. An additional contribution of ten dollars was given to the Fund by a Chapter member.

May 19. Reports were heard from the "delegation of delegates" who attended Continental Congress this year. Probably the largest representation the Chapter ever had. Regent Mrs. Bigler, Mrs. David Adams, III, and Mrs. S. C. Orr. Mrs. Joseph Fox and her daughter Cornelia also attended. Cornelia having the honor of being a page. Photographs of the group and of the Defense Banquet were displayed as were badges, ribbons, certificates of honor and medals, won by the Chapter: Delegates' badges and ribbons; Standard of Excellence badge; the Gold Honor Roll Award; Certificate for Distinguished Service and Gold Star awarded for excellent work done by the Genealogical Records Committee of which Maribel Bartee Adams is State Vice-chairman.

Mrs. Adams presented a Table Flag Standard to the Chapter in memory of her mother. It was carved from the wood of a Box Elder tree one hundred and fifty years old which was cut from the grounds of the National Society Home in Washington.

Mrs. Elliott Williams presented lovely Hostess Badges which she had made of narrow red, white and blue ribbons.

1954 Sept. 15. At the Constitution Day meeting the Chapter presented its second Award of Merit to Mr. Thomas W. Martin for his many valuable contributions to the community and to the state. He is the principal founder of the Southern Research Institute at Birmingham and also a founder of the Alabama Power Company.

Dr. Canas, formerly of El Salvador and now a naturalized citizen, spoke on the Constitution giving a graphic description of the differences between the freedoms given by the U. S. Constitution and that of his own so-call Democratic country--or "ex"-country as he emphatically expressed it.

The program was televised over W.B.R.C. Channel 6

During this administration the chapter lost four members:

Helen Terry Badham, Mrs. Henry L., resigned in 1952.

Phillippa Haardt McClellen, Mrs. Marcus, resigned in 1953.

Elizabeth Morris Cabaniss, Mrs. Jelks, passed away in 1952.

Virginia Walker Jemison, Mrs. Robert, Jr., passed away in 1953

Mrs. Jemison was an organizing member of the Chapter.

Fourteen members were admitted to the Chapter, raising the total membership to eighty including six out of town residents. The new members are:

Laurette Rockwell Bowers, Mrs. Lloyd

Frances Davis Bradley, Mrs. John M.

Annie Maud Wilkinson Bromberg, Mrs. Frank

Annie Lou Williams Coker, Mrs. James P.

Julia Maddox Estes, Mrs. William Thornton

Alice Oden Ford, Mrs. Claude H.

Cornelia Fox, Miss

Eleanor Pickett Hamrick, Mrs. Leon

Kent Bigler Kennedy, Mrs. Hughes, III

Julia Finklea Knight, Mrs. Andrew H.

Elizabeth Travis Rose, Mrs. William Alfred

Carrie Sharpe Shook, Mrs. Paschal G.

Elizabeth Hudson Streit, Mrs. William

Emily Sommerville Witt, Mrs. Archie H.

Each member was welcomed into the Chapter by the Regent Mrs. Bigler and presented with the National Hand Book which contains the aims of the D.A.R. Society and duties required of members.

In keeping with the custom of the Chapter Good Citizenship pins were awarded eight girls chosen by their schoolmates as best typifying good citizenship. The High Schools sponsored are Ramsay, Birmingham; Warrior, Warrior; Hewitt-Trussville, Trussville; Emma Sanson, Alabama City; Hokes Bluff, Gadsden, Rt. 2; Gaston, Gadsden, Rt. 3; Etowah County, Attalla; Walnut Grove, Walnut Grove.

The Standard of Excellence was met each year. The Regent, Mrs. Bigler, attended all State Board meetings and State Conferences, also the meetings of the Birmingham Council of Regents of which she was president for the year 1952-53. She attended the Naturalization Courts held in Birmingham.

Mrs. David Adams, III, served on the State Board as Vice-chairman of Committee of Genealogical Records. This committee won the Distinguished Service award for excellent work each year.

Another award for excellent work could well go to Mrs. Paul Bowron, Chairman of National Defense. Her reports on national and international affairs as they affect our national security were comprehensive and vital.

Summary

The biography of John Parke Custis is included in this history that our members may become better acquainted with the character and personality of our Patron. It is also a picturesque account of social customs prevalent before the Revolution.

Because so little is known of the events and circumstances which led to the founding of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Preface with its brief history of the organization, will be interesting and valuable reading to every member.

This Chapter, organized by Carrie Walton Adams in 1925 with thirty-two members, now has eighty. The early meetings were luncheons given more for social fellowship than for work pertaining to the program of the National Society. They were held in the home of the Regent so frequently that some of the members got the impression it was the place of meeting required in the By-Laws.

This history follows the pattern of administrations: The name and biography of Regent; date of office, followed by an account of the chief events during her administration. This arrangement is easy for reference and for additional history of future administrations.

The War Service Record should also be continued as necessary. A copy of this one will be sent to the Historian General.

In recent years the Chapter has had chairmen active on every committee required by the National and State societies and the records of many of these show outstanding work.

The first Year Book was published in 1932. It contains the names of the Charter members and is the only record known to date.

Research for this history revealed discrepancies in the names of the Organizing members. Of the three lists obtained from the Historian General, the State Historian and Founder, no two were alike. Each contained one or two names different from the other two lists. By checking with Mrs. A. A. Adams, Founder, and Registrar Sadie Roberts, a correct list was arrived at and is the one included in this history. A copy of the correct list will be sent to the Historian General and State Historian.

Contributions made by the Chapter include among others, one to the Memorial Arch in Continental Hall; furnishings for the Alabama Room; six dollars per member, totaling \$366.00, to the National Building Fund (1948) for completion of our National Home; historical documents and books to the State and National Libraries and Kate Duncan Smith School; copies of "Questions and Answers on the Constitution of the United States," to all high schools in Birmingham; a Scholarship Fund created in 1938 honoring Annie Weakley Allen, State Regent; and D.A.R. Manuals to city libraries and schools. But the project most consistently supported is the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School. Perhaps because three of the members, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. A. A. Adams, had a large part in establishing the school, the Chapter has maintained great interest in its growth. During its twenty-seven years the minutes of only two meetings failed to mention a report on the school. Contributions have been made, ranging from magazines, gift boxes and old clothing for rummage sales, to building funds and purchase of land for a Model Farm Project.

Two annual meetings were added to the program, one in January and a Dutch Luncheon meeting in March.

The National Defense Award of Merit was given for the first time in 1954. It will be an annual event on the September program.

A Regents Fund has been established to pay expenses of the regent or her alternate to the Continental Congress.

Chapter members who have served on the State Board include. Annie Weakley Allen, State Regent 1912-14, State President Alabama Officers Club 1931-33, State President Children of the American Revolution, Member Legislation Committee 1938-40, Custodian 1940-44, Special Committee 1948-49; Carrie Walton Adams, Committee for Selecting Location of the Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School; Maribel Bartee Adams, Vice-chairman Committee Genealogy Records. 1952-55; Henrietta Gibson Lanier, Chairman National Defense Committee 1940-41; Ada Motsinger MacFetridge, Chairman Press Relations 1949-50; Sophia Perkins Montgomery, Chairman Committee on Patriotic Education 1913-18, also as Chairman of National Defense.

WAR SERVICE RECORD FOR WORLD WAR TWO AND
KOREAN "POLICE ACTION" OF FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN
JOHN PARKE CUSTIS CHAPTER

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| Adams, Mrs. Arthur A.- | Grandson, Arthur A. III. U.S.N. |
| Adams, Mrs. David, III.- | Son, David IV., Pvt. U.S.A. |
| Badham, Mrs. Henry L.- | Son, Henry L. Jr., Col. Air Corps; Pacific and European Op. |
| Bowie, Mrs. Sydney - | Grandson, Don Herbert Maring, Jr., Pvt. U.S. Army; Pacific Op. 2 yrs. Now 2nd Lt. |
| Bowron, Mrs. Paul - | Sister, Martine Comer, WAVE |
| Bradley, Mrs. John Miller - | Son, John Miller, Jr., U.S.N.R. 1942 Volunteer Navy V-12 program 1945 Officer Courier United Nations, San Francisco 1945-46 U.S. Pacific Coast #478 Commissioned Lt. j.g. 1949 Son-in-law, Albert P. Finch, Jr., Sgt. Husband of Beverly Bradley Instructor, Air Mechanics, Amarillo, Texas Son-in-law, Maxmillian W. Matthews, ASN 0549421 Husband of Frances Evin Bradley Nov. 1944-June 1946 1st Lt. 66th Inf. Div. European Op. |
| Brewer, Mrs. George A.- | Son-in-law, Lt. Herbert D. Burnum, Jr., Infantry, World War II; Engineering Corps., Korean Police Action. |
| Bromberg, Mrs. Frank | Brother, Sydenham Moore Wilkinson 1st Lt. in Merchant Marine Pacific Op. World War II |
| Brooke, Mrs. Robert T.- | Son, Lt. Comdr. Frederick Dixon; Admn. Kirk's Staff, North Atlantic Patrol; Commodore Emmett's Staff, Mediterranean Op. Exec. Officer Task Force 38, Destroyer Fullam, Pacific Op. Graduate of Annapolis Post Gradu- ate School and assigned Operations Officer of Flotilla of Destroyers in Pacific. |

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| Brower, Mrs. Walter - | Two sons; Walter Jordan, Pfc. U.S. Army Pacific Op. Now Lt. in Medical Corps, U.S. Air Force, Korean Police Action. William Brower, Ensign U.S.N.R. Pacific Op. |
| Burnett, Mrs. R. F.- | Son, Lt. Robert C., 45th Fighter Squadron Group - 20th Air Force - Iwo Jima. Florida Blanca - First Overseas Jet Squadron - 414 Fighter Group. Air Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster; Distinguished Merit Badge; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars; Philippine Liberation Medal. |
| Cabaniss, Mrs. Jelks - | Son, Jelks H. Jr., Capt. Air Force, European Op. Awarded Air Medal with two clusters. Now Mathematics Instructor West Point Academy N. Y. |
| Chenoweth, Mrs. Beach M.- | Two sons: Lt. Com. Beach M. Jr., 237395, M.C., U.S.N.R. Member Rockefeller Research Unit #2 Pacific Op. Sgt. James B., 14131065. 193rd Chemical Depot Company. Served four years in European Op. Now 2nd Lt. U.S. Air Force. |
| Coleman, Mrs. John - | Brother, Col. J. J. F. Steiner, Pacific Op. |
| Debardeleben, Mrs. Chas., Jr. | Two sons: Frank Nelson, Pvt., Air Force. Charles Fairchilds, III., Sgt. U. S. Infantry, European Op. Now Lt. in Artillery, Korean Police Action. Son-in-law, Newton Rishel Brungart, Lt. Col. in Infantry. |
| Dixon, Mrs. Frank M.- | Son, Capt. Sam Perry, 8th Air Force, England. |
| Dow, Mrs. Frederick T.- | Son, Frederick T., Jr., Navy Lt. j.g. |
| Ellis, Miss Anne - | Two brothers: Maj. Mitchell Porter Ellis, Ord. Dept., Army Occup. in Korea, Iwo Jima, Germany. Maj. Frank Fearn Ellis, Jr., M.D., Med. Corps. U.S. Army. |
| Estes, Mrs. William Thornton | Son, William Thornton, Jr., 20467707. Feb. 1941-Nov. 1945 USAF 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 20th. Staff Sgt. Gummer. European and Pacific Ops. Also Korean War, Serial No. 0976139. May 1949-May 1954. Capt. U.S.A. Eng. Corps. Gr. Opr. Officer. 4th Army - 5th Air Force. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Korean Theater of Operations with 2 Battle Stars; Asiatic Pacific Medal with 2 Battle Stars; United Nations Medal. |

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| Ferguson, Mrs. Hill - | Two sons: Hill, Jr., Capt., U.S. Army, Pacific Op. Frederick, Maj. U.S. Army, European Op. |
| Fowlkes, Mrs. Henry S.- | Son, Sgt. Henry S., Jr., Gunner B17, European Op. Now Lt. Air Force, Korean Police Action. Son-in-law, Herbert Tyler Taylor, Lt. Comdr. USN. |
| Fox, Mrs. Joseph H.- | Brother, Oliver Whillindin, Jr., Lt. Transp. Corps. Iceland. |
| Gaines, Mrs. Charles - | Brother, Paschal Shook, Jr., First Lt., Judge Advocate General's Office. |
| Gardner, Mrs. Lucien D., Jr.- | Husband, Lt. Col., Judge Advocate, General's Dept. |
| Hall, Mrs. Glenn - | Brother, Yoeman 1st Cl., Wm. Bowler Day, U.S.N., Now Sgt. U.S. Army, European Op. |
| Haslam, Mrs. J. B.- | Brother, Lt. John C. Henley, Office Chief of Staff. Hdqtrs. 8th Army, Pacific Op. |
| Hemphill, Mrs. Robert C.- | Son, Robert H., III., Naval Commando; Transferred to Seaman 1st Cl., Pacific Op. Son-in-law, Lt. John DeBuys, U.S.N., Div. of Transportation. |
| Jemison, Mrs. Robert, Jr.- | Son, William Walker, Lt., j.g., U.S.N. Pacific Son-in-law, Col. Robert M. Goodall, Air Corps, England. |
| Johnson, Mrs. Allen - | Husband, Allen A., Capt. Air Force, U. S. |
| Keegan, Mrs. John J.- | Brother, Maj. Seale Harris, Jr., died in Brisbane, Australia, Dec. 23, 1943. Husband, Capt. John J. Keegan, U.S. Army, 3rd Div. Infantry. |
| Kennedy, Mrs. B. Hughes, III | Husband, Benjamin Hughes Kennedy, III. Lt. U.S.N.R., M.C. Korean War. Flight Surgeon VR-7 Naval Air Squadron, Hickam Field, Hawaii. |
| LeClair, Mrs. Houston L.- | Son, Houston Lincoln, Jr., Hdqtrs. 87th Div. Infantry Reserves. |
| Lanier, Mrs. Russel D.- | Two sons: Lt. Commander James Gibson Lanier, 95459. Silver Star Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Medal; Presidential Unit Citation. Commissioned Ensign U.S.N.R. Nov. 1940. Nov. 1940 through March 1941 temporary duty U.S.S. Tuscaloosa. (Continued Page 37) |

Lanier, Mrs. Russell D.-

(Lt. Commander James Gibson Lanier) March 1941 to Dec. 1941, U.S.S. Louisville as Gunnery Division Officer and Watch Officer. Dec. 1941 through Dec. 1942 Commander of Armed Guard Unit on S.S. Charles Carroll and S.S. Colorado. Promoted to Lieutenant j.g. July 1942. Promoted to Lieutenant Jan. 1943. Jan. 1943 through Dec. 1943, U.S.S. Bush as Torpedo Officer, Gunnery Officer, Senior Watch Officer. Jan. 1944 through March 1944 Submarine School, New London, Conn. March 1944 through Dec. 1944 U.S.S. Barb, as Torpedo Officer, and subsequently as Executive Officer and Navigator. Dec. 1944 through April 1945, temporary duty Pearl Harbor and Jacksonville, Fla. May 1945 to Jan. 1946, Officer in Charge U.S. Naval Torpedo School, Newport, R. I. Promoted to Lt. Commander July 1945. Released to inactive duty Jan. 1946. Served in Atlantic, African, and Pacific Theaters of War.

Lieutenant Monro Banister Lanier, 2nd, 461722. Commissioned Ensign, U.S.N.R. June 1945. June 1945 through August 1945 Destroyer Engineering School, Norfolk, Va., and Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 1945 through August 1946. U.S.S. Vogelgesang, DD 862. Inactive duty June 1946 through June 1951. Promoted to Lieutenant j.g. 1948. Recalled to active duty June 30, 1951. June 1951 to August 1952, U.S.S. Ulvert M. Moore, D.E. 442, as Assistant Propulsion Engineer, Electrical Officer, and Repair Officer. Subsequently, Acting Chief Engineer. Promoted to Lieutenant March 1952. August 1952 to July 1953, U.S.S. Wantuck, APD 125, as Chief Engineer and as acting Executive Officer. Served as Repair Officer during overhaul of U.S.S. Ulvert M. Moore and U.S.S. Wantuck. U.S.S. Ulvert M. Moore received direct hits from a shore battery while operating off east coast of Korea, and was cited for immediate return to action. U.S.S. Wantuck also operated in Korean waters. Released to inactive duty June 1953. Served in Atlantic, Pacific and Far East Commands.

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| McTyeire, Mrs. William W.- | Husband, Capt., Army Engineering Corps. Europe and Pacific Ops. |
| McVoy, Mrs. James L.- | Son, James Leonard McVoy, Jr., Midshipman U.S. Naval Academy 1945-49; Ensign, Mediterranean Fleet, 1949-51; Lt. j.g. U.D.T. Norfolk, Va., 1951-53. |
| Montgomery, Miss Hattie - | Brother, William G., Air Technical Service Com- mand, Army Air Force. |
| Morton, Mrs. Lindley L.- | Three sons: Coleman, Nav. Cadet, 1941; Lt., 1945. Robert, Naval Aviation Cadet 1942; Lt., 1945. Warren, Ensign, U.S.N. |
| Nelson, Mrs. Frank - | Husband, Capt. Frank A., Jr., U.S.A.A.F. O.T.S. Miami Beach, Florida, Aug. 1942-Sept. 1945. Combat Intelligence Officer of 339th Fighter Bomber Group of 3rd Air Force, Waterboro, S.C., Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia, Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, and Rice, California. Executive Officer Ontario, California, Air Base 4th Air Force. Business Administrator Van Nuys, California. Discharged Sept. 1945 with rank of Major. |
| Orr, Mrs. Sydney C.- | Son, Sydney C., Jr., 2nd Lt. U.S. Army, Pacific Op. Now Capt. Post Eng. Corps. Korea. Awarded citation meritorious service. |
| Roberts, Mrs. David, Jr.- | Two sons: Lt. David, III., U.S.N. Battleship South Dakota. John Sharp, J. Corpl. U. S. Army, European Op. Brother, Dr. Robert Gillespy, Capt. U.S. Army, India. Son-in-law, Harold H. Larsen, Comdr. U.S.N.R. Pacific Korea; Comdr. Nordan Sound Guided-Missile Ship. |
| Rose, Mrs. William Alfred- | Brother, Robert Allen Travis, Jr., Medical Corps. European Op. |
| Rucker, Mrs. E. W.- | Brother, Gen. Luther Hill, Jr., U.S. Army. |
| Shook, Mrs. Paschal G.- | Son, Paschal G. Shook, Jr., First Lt. Judge Advocate General's Office. |

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| Shook, Mrs. A. M.- | <p>Sons: Robert Paschal, Lt. j.g., U.S.N.R. Comdr. LSM Rocket Ship-404 Douglas Warner, U.S.N.R. Pacific Op. Alfred M., Jr., 28th Infantry Regiment 8th Infantry Division, Korean War. (1952) Son-in-law, Lt. Col. Thomas Allen Gearhart, Infantry 75th Div., Europe. Awarded: Silver Star; Croix de Guerre; Bronze Star Oak Leaf Cluster; Combat Infantry Badge and E.T.O. Three Battle Stars.</p> |
| Simpson, Mrs. James A.- | <p>Stepson, Joseph Woodward, Lieut., U.S.N.R. Son, James E., 2nd Lt. 330th Field Artillery, Germany. Entered June 1952 Brother, John S. Evans, Lt. Col. U.S. Army, European Op.</p> |
| Smith, Mrs. Percy McCall- | <p>Son, Percy McCall, Jr., Nov. 1942-March 1943 attended Officer's Candidate School of Engineering, Ft. Belvoir. Served at Edmonton, Canada, on Alaskan Highway; Camp Clairborn, La., and Camp Sutton, N. C. May 2, 1944-August 1945 with 1308th Div. Army Eng. Corps European Op. Discharged 1945 with rank of Captain. Son-in-law, Lt. James McLester Witt. Husband of Katherine Nichols Smith. Record under mother's name, Mrs. Archie Witt.</p> |
| Swann, Mrs. Theodore - | <p>Son-in-law, Lt. Comdr. Newton H. DeBardleben U.S.N.R., USS Destroyer Andrea Escort.</p> |
| Wilcox, Mrs. James DeWitt- | <p>Two sons: Lt. James DeWitt, Jr., U.S.N. Maj. Charles Stakely Wilcox, U.S. Army Brother, Lt. Charles Stakely, U.S.N.</p> |
| Wilkerson, Mrs. William W.- | <p>Brother, Maj. Andrew J. Thomas, Intelligence Aviation.</p> |
| Wimberly, Mrs. T. F.- | <p>Son, Maj. T. Felton, Jr., U.S. Army Ord. Dept.</p> |
| Witt, Mrs. Archie Hanna - | <p>Two sons: Archie Hanna, Jr., 1936 Graduate VMI as 2nd Lt.; 1942 First Lt.; 1943-44 with 37th Div. Field Artillery, Pacific Op. 1944-47 Americal Div. as aide first to Gen. Robert McClure, then to Gen. William Arnold. Nov. 1947 Discharged with rank of Capt.</p> |

Witt, Mrs. Archie Hanna - Son, James McLester Witt, U.S.N. 1943-46. Vol. in Navy August 1943 as Ensign. After training in Florida, Harvard and Norfolk was assigned to L.S.T. Group 22. South Pacific Op. Discharged Feb. 1946 with rank of Lieut.

Wyllie, Mrs. James - Two brothers, Col. Luther L. Hill, II., M.D., U.S. Army.
Comdr. William Inge Hill, U.S.N., Pacific.

Red Cross Services

Cromwell, Maxine MacFetridge, Mrs. James H. R. - S.A.F., England, France.



